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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear Jim and Mary Ruth:

This is to thank you for the phone calls and conversation concerning my new appointment. It has been a thrill for all of us here and we are still on Cloud 9. I had wanted to write earlier, but thought it best to wait until I was "legal." Now that the confirmation and swearing-in has taken place, I am no longer illegitimate.

Sorry you couldn't have been with us for some of the occasions. It has been a lot of fun, with some anxious moments, too. Angie in particular was convinced that those tough-minded Senators might choose to throw me in the hoosegow rather than confirm me, but there does seem to be a new and good feeling on Capitol Hill. A good many Congressmen are a bit uneasy about us and what we stand for in CIA, but they have learned to recognize the importance of intelligence activities and, in most cases, their mail from home is supportive of us and they are experts at sensing the mood of the electorate.

In any case, we now have solid opportunities before us to move into a new kind of future and we will do the best we can.

(100) Congratulatory Letter

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Angie joins me in sending much love to all of you. She is looking forward to her class reunion in your midst later this summer and I will be coming to the Wool Growers' meeting later this month and will see you then.

All the best.

Faithfully yours,



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